

To Whom It May Concern:

Relaxing the established and proper restrictions on ownership of multiple major-media outlets in a single metropolitan area, is misguided and anti-democratic.

This country developed as it did as a direct result of multiple expressions of political and social views, presented to a literate population through print, and later electronic, media.

In our time, the population has become more heterogeneous than ever. Narrowing the range of viewpoints by making it possible for a single corporate empire to control an entire city's major news sources, it specifically contrary to the principles of diversity which now prevail in society.

America's strength and survival lie not in the narrowing of expressed views, but in their broadening.

I urge that the FCC stand behind the principles of diversity and resist surrendering to corporate pressure toward monopoly control of media.

Sincerely,

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